



**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE
KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM
3939 N. DRINKWATER BLVD.
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251
DECEMBER 6, 2004
1:00 PM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Wayne Ecton, Councilman
Ron McCullagh, Councilman
Kevin Osterman, Councilman

STAFF: Art Rullo
Judy McIlroy
Joyce Gilbride
Bryan Bundy
Jeff Nichols
Kristine Zich
Pat Dodds
Brent Stockwell

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Scottsdale City Council Budget Review Subcommittee was called order at 1:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed members as presented above.

Mr. Rullo introduced the Budget staff.

APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR

Councilman Osterman nominated Councilman Ecton as Budget Subcommittee Chair. Second by Councilman McCullagh and passed unanimously.

STAFF PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED FY2005/06 BUDGET PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

Mr. Rullo presented a power point presentation on the proposed FY2005/06 budget planning and development process. He reviewed the feedback on the FY 04/05 process. He also reviewed the proposed public input process and provided information on the proposed public input process for the Citizen Budget Forums. He recommended two forums prior to the release of the proposed budget and two after for a total of four forums.

Mr. Stockwell stated the feedback indicates that the residents want to discuss issues with Council members and key staff. Councilman Osterman agreed that a big reason citizens come to these meetings is to get a chance to talk to the Council member, Police Chief and the Fire Chief.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS FOR FY 2005/06 BUDGET.

Chairman Ecton stated that he wrote a budget review process proposal and felt it could be blended with the staff proposal. He reviewed his proposal as follows:

IMPROVEMENT NEEDS

- More public engagement and mature discussion.
- More diverse group for broader range of opinions and ideas (youth, senior, professional, working class etc.)
- Focus on the future as well as the present.
- Encourage creativity and thinking out of the box.
- Consider the outcome or results of any idea.

PROCESS NAME CHANGE

- Citizens Budget Summit

PROCESS

- Open to the public with the addition of 5 residents selected by each Council Member for each of the three summit meetings.
- Tables of 6 including one Council Member or Department Head whose sole function is to listen and record (not to argue or disagree).
- Five members of the community at each table would include a mixture of invited general public and the Council Member selected attendee.
- Table sessions would be scheduled for 45 minutes to 1 hour.
- Two or three different questions would be planned for each one-hour session with the Council Members and Department Heads changing tables.
- Departments Heads should be available for questions and comments after the Summit.
- Cards should also be available for comments and questions.

SAMPLE POTENTIAL QUESTIONS

- What services do the citizens pay for that are not needed that could be eliminated or reduced?
- What services do we need to increase or add?
- How should the new Public Safety tax be utilized?
- Should the city consider additional taxes and funding for quality of life issues and what are they?
- How can we obtain money for the purchase of preserve land?
- How do we control speed and traffic signal violators?
- How do we reduce traffic congestion?

Councilman McCullagh stated that he felt this proposal was worth a try. Councilman Osterman stated if it does not seem to be working, we could modify the plans.

Mr. Rullo suggested staff incorporates Chairman Ecton's proposal with the staff proposal and bring it back to the subcommittee at the next meeting.

Mr. Rullo reviewed how the citizen follow-up sessions would be conducted. He stated the Subcommittee would provide a wrap up report to the full City Council. He further stated that dates, times and locations need to be identified for the Citizen Budget Summits.

Mr. Stockwell inquired if the subcommittee wanted all seven Council Members to attend the Citizen Budget Summits. The consensus of the subcommittee that all seven members should attend and should be scheduled on Monday or Tuesday, if possible, because the Council members already have the mind set for leaving those evenings open.

Chairman Ecton stated that he thought it would be helpful if each Council member provided staff with a short list of the top items or ideas about how we need to spend the money rather than at the last minute so these items can be discussed in advance. Mr. Rullo inquired if this request should come from staff or through the subcommittee. Chairman Ecton replied through the subcommittee. He suggested staff draft a letter and he would sign it on behalf of the subcommittee.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE.

Chairman Ecton stated the Budget Subcommittee schedule depends a lot on when staff has something to discuss. He further stated the subcommittee would need to approve the format and process for the summit. Mr. Stockwell replied the subcommittee could approve the format in early January and then in February meet again and discuss the feedback we received from the citizen summits.

The consensus of the subcommittee was to hold the meetings at 4:00 p.m.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public comments were forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the public meeting of the Scottsdale City Council Budget Subcommittee was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

"For the Record " Court Reporters